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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment for frozen hens steady, instances firm on the lighter weights; toms generally steady with a weaker undertone noted. Moderate sales reported for immediate shipment into the East coast. Offerings of frozen whole birds remain mixed. Fresh whole bird orders taking priority due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Parts and meats trading slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light. Limited trading taking place going to the Caribbean and to Mexico. Other export areas remained inactive. Offerings limited.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 09, 2000**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-82	81	81.00	1120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	74	74.00	1280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	80.90	80.30**	80.75**
CENTRAL REGION	80.50	79.38	78.20
WESTERN REGION	80.00	80.30**	79.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.47	74.80**	73.75**
CENTRAL REGION	72.00	73.11	72.63**
WESTERN REGION	73.00	74.40**	71.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 13-NOV-2000

	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	88.29	1400	85.84	1240
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	88.29	1400	85.84	1240
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1280		840

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

OCTOBER 496,748*
NOVEMBER 1-4, 2000 73,564*

To date 2000 4,525,040*
To date 1999 4,292,939*

* PRELIMINARY

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-Nov-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	RSTR	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	WT	—THOUSAND HEAD—			WT
N EAST	1,072	4	21.72	(A)	(A)	1,079	21.72
S ATL	1,012	18	25.72	(A)	(A)	1,019	25.72
N CENT	2,646	3	27.10	(A)	(A)	2,654	27.16
S CENT	749	22	19.39	(A)	(A)	756	19.39
WEST	750	-5	22.38	(A)	(A)	757	22.38
U.S.TOTAL	6,229(B)	6	24.45	0	36	6,265	24.46
TO DATE							
2000	215,707(B)				1661,178	217,051	
TO DATE							
1999	214,330(B)				551,611	215,996	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 45,000 for the year 1,483,000; last year to date 674,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Nov-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,767	3,417	45	36	6,265
AVG WT	16.10	31.22	23.85	26.06	24.46
LAST WEEK	2,719	3,056	81	2	5,858
YR AGO	6,334	(C)	21	15	6,370
AVG WT	23.85	(C)	26.05	29.60	23.87
TO-DATE/2000	214,390	(C)	1,483	1,178	217,051
TO-DATE/1999	213,711	(C)	674	1,611	215,996

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 NOVEMBER 2000.

Undertone generally steady on thigh meat. Demand light with exporters not as aggressive when compared to the previous weeks. Some export buyers are cautious as they wait for permit renewals from Mexico. Mechanically separated 15-20% skin added turkey (MST) undertone starting to become unsettled. Demand has slowed in some parts of the country on MST resulting in increased offerings of fresh and spot loads of frozen starting to be offered. Offerings of fresh MST adequate to instances ample, frozen short to light. Tom full-cut wing undertone mixed with weakness noted in the West due to the unaggressive buyer interest. Domestic and export trading light. Livers traded at 18 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE 1/	LST CDE PRICE	WTD AVG (000)	VOLUME PRICE	WEEKLY WTD AVG (000)	WEEKLY VOLUME
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	110.00		110.00	200	110.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00-100.00		99.50	80	99.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.50		28.50	18	28.37	78
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00-31.00		30.50	6	30.79	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.50-27.00		24.86	21	25.96	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	3	27.00	75
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	19.50-21.00		20.83	35	20.52	127
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	8	15.57	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	168.00	40	168.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	170.00	160	174.00	360
THIGH MEAT		T	70.00	4	70.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00-70.00		69.00	90	69.00	138
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00		117.00	40	117.20	50
SCAPULA MEAT		T	113.00	40	113.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	153.00	20	153.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	170.00	80	175.00	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	61.00	20	61.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	90	16.55	510
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	80	28.17	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	40	26.56	144
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	80	21.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	74.33	120	74.33	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.